

Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached sheet of drawings includes changes to Fig. 5. This sheet, which includes Figs. 4 and 6, replaces the original sheet 3/7. In Fig. 5 the reference numeral "23" has been changed to "21" of the replacement sheet 3/7. No new matter has been added.

Attachment: Replacement sheet 3/7

Amendments to the Abstract:

Replace the Abstract with the following:

-- Pairs of first and second rolls are supported for rotation in a roll frame located below a pan for receiving pharmaceutical products loaded as bulk material, each first roll having a plurality of axially successive non-cylindrical sections separated from respective non-cylindrical sections of a respective second roll by a gap, the first and second rolls of each pair being rotated in opposite directions so that surfaces of the rolls facing the gap move upwards. An isolating block having a matrix array of isolating channels is positioned below the rolls for receiving pharmaceutical products from respective gaps and for distributing these products to respective individual wells of a blister pack in a single machine cycle. --

REMARKS

The replacement sheet changes reference numeral 23 to 21 in Figure 5.

The specification has been amended to narrow the field of the invention and further to provide a summary of the invention under a correctly placed heading.

Other changes have been made as requested by the Examiner.

Newly submitted independent claim 29 includes the limitations of claims 13, 14, and 18, now cancelled. Additionally, claim 29 recited that each of the first and second rolls has a plurality of axially successive non-cylindrical sections.

Claims 13, 15, 21, 23, 27 and 28 stood rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102 as anticipated by Brown U.S. 2,877,680. Insofar as new claim 29 includes the limitations of claim 14 and 18, this reference should not apply. Further, it is noted that Brown only discloses one non-cylindrical surface on each roller. Since these are conical surfaces with non-parallel axes, it would not be possible for the rollers to be modified to have a plurality of axially successive non-cylindrical sections.

Claims 13, 15, 17, 21, 23, 27 and 28 stood rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102 as anticipated by Randrup U.S. 3,687,263. Since this reference was not applied to claims 14 and 18, it is also felt to be irrelevant to the claim 29.

Claims 13, 14, 18-25, 27, and 28 stood rejected as anticipated by Lowrance U.S. 4,729,501. To the extent that this reference would be applied against claim 29, such rejection is traversed for the reasons following.

Lowrance discloses a distribution device for hot dog sticks, which includes a number of pairs of first and second fluted rollers 66, 68 which are rotated in opposite directions in order to move the sticks upward, where they are discharged onto ramps 80 and then slide downward into

slots 64 and finally into feed slots 22. There is no suggestion that the rollers be provided with a *plurality of* axially non-cylindrical sections defining a *plurality of* product receiving gaps between each pair of rollers, or that the isolating block be provided with a *matrix array* of isolating channels for receiving respective products from the gaps. The teaching of Lowrance is strictly limited to a single gap between each pair of rollers and a single row of channels in the isolating block (not a matrix array).

Only applicants have addressed and solved the problem of simultaneously introducing a plurality of products into a matrix array of individual wells in a blister pack, in a single machine cycle. This is a considerable advance over the prior art, which required a stepwise filling of the rows, i.e. a number of cycles were required to fill a single blister pack.

The claims as amended and newly presented being definite and patentable over the art of record, withdrawal of the rejections and early allowance are solicited. If any objections remain, a call to the undersigned is requested.

It is believed that no fees or charges are required at this time in connection with the present application. However, if any fees or charges are required at this time, they may be charged to our Patent and Trademark Office Deposit Account No. 03-2412.

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